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¶1. The following is Embassy Reykjavik's response to reftel requesting a list of five of the most influential women in Iceland. Embassy Reykjavik's point of contact for women's issues is Political Officer Brad Evans (evansbr@state.gov).

¶2. Embassy has chosen the following five women, weighing factors including diversity of profession and background, name recognition, and breadth of appeal.

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NOTE: Sverrisdottir participated in the Secretary's roundtable discussion on women's empowerment in conjunction with UNGA in September 2006.

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